Dear Gerry, 11/10/95

I'm glad you've not yet started reading Waketh because I'll ask a favor of you- if I send you inserts will you tell me where you think they should go? I did one this morning and there are probably others. Remember, I've never read it, just got it on paper, so my recollection of it is less than I'd like.

Sending Lil those inserts is a great favor we both appreciate. And a saving!

The black Hood student from Brooklyn was a disaster. I think she is on some kind of stuff from th little she did. Today I got another one to replace her, a pleasant, girlish one from Kenya. She is redoing that original aft erword now as a chapter and I've added above five since I wrote that, One from the Barbados who can plan to do about a chapter a week is in the eighth on Mailer. I thought I'd finished it but added Two Postscripts - one from Normak Mailer yesterday and the day before. I think you'll enjoy some of it including what I added on Max Holland, whose history of the Warren Commission is due from a Random House subsidiary next year. I'd love to get this published before then!!!

The world reaction to the Rabin assassination is remarkable, I think it was more emotional than any I recall since JFK's. My friend Joe Labovsky, the Joe in some of my earlier reminiscences, believes the real responsibility is the fundamentalist rabbis, the Jewish Khoumenis. So does my rabbi friend Sam, from whom a letter today. But they are all zealots and it is not easy to curb them. I saw Rabin's granddaughter and she was as you say only more so. Only 17 or so.

I saw what was on early morning TV for longer than my breakfasts, when I usually see the news while I eat. I sat and took more in before returning to work.

Also quite remarkable is it that no mob grabbed the assassin from the police and that the police were not rough with him.

I think that Specter aims for more than getting his good name back. I think he wants to try to save the GOP from the extremists. Or at least have the basis for a party if that cannot be done. If the religious right takes it over, for example.

I'm not going to resubscribe to the international edition of the Jerusalem Post that I subscribed to during the Gulf war but I skim it now. Today I saw an item that- and this may eat Dave's heart out - and American delegation says the results in education to increasing the budget and lengthening the day are great. With all their debt they try to improve their education. I still get the Jerusalem Report. I'll copy some of this current issue you may find interesting.

Again thanks, and our best,

Harold

On the retyping, for Dave and Dennis, to whom copies, having run out of accessible file space I have the rough drafts and retyped copies in labelled boxes and in boxes and file boxes in my office. Some on shelves in my office and in "il's.

For Waketh, I began an epilogue of the first three weeks of the era I refer to as the Gingler era and then I kept and am keeping a file of clippings, far from complete, that my be of interest in the future for those who may get interested in how this radically changed era got started. I believe few professors will have or take the time to do that. As I run out of space I'll be putting them in labelled boxes, too.

Joe Labovsky to whom I refer is one of the two surviving dear friends of my youth. Although an immigrant at 12 he graduated high school with his peers and when the duPont's learned about him they educated him and he became part of the team that developed nylon. He ended with duPont trouble-shooting nylon plants all around the world, including in Israel. He goes to Israel regularly to replace men in its nylon plant for the month of their annual military duty. He draws on this for his opinions about what is going on over there. It was he who wanted to pay the costs of publishing the autobiography he wanted me to write.

I've asked these two retypers to identify their disks with the programs they use and their names on them and on the beginning of what they retype.

What I've written on Mailer and Newman begins with other students doing them.